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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor : Akio OHBA  
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Title **IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND METHOD, AND  
DISTRIBUTION MEDIUM**  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to any Office Action on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows: